



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Brownsville, Tennessee

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September 15th, 2024

The 24th Sunday in OT/24° Domingo en OT

## ST. ALPHONSUS, ST. JOHN'S & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus, St. John's & Ave Maria Parishes is to proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church through liturgy, education, community service, social events, and witness for Christ who has blessed our lives in the larger community of Tipton, Haywood & Lauderdale Counties and beyond. Our parish life is centered on the Eucharist during which we celebrate, in joy, the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

## DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN at ST. ALPHONSUS

### Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristía

First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass  
Primero Sábado de cada mes despues 8:30 am Misa

### Rosary/Rosario

First Saturday/Primero Sábado	8:00 am
Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana	10:05 am
Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana	11:45 am

## MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado	4:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am
Misa en español	12:15 pm
Sunday/Domingo	

## St. John's

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

## Bi-lingual Mass

## ST. ALPHONSUS Daily/Diario

Monday/Lunes	8:00 am
Tuesday/Martes	8:00 am
Wednesday/ Miercoles	8:00 am
Thursday/Jueves	8:00 am
Saturday/Sábado	8:30 am



## SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

### SAINT ALPHONSUS Confession/Confesión

Saturday/Sábado 3:30-4:15 pm  
or by appointment/Llame para pedir cita

### Baptism or Marriage preparation Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment/Llame para pedir cita



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit



## SAINT ALPHONSUS

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## SAINT JOHN'S

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# Announcements/Anuncios

## New Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday: Office Closed



## Nuevo horario de oficina

Lunes, martes y jueves : de 9:30 a 2; 30 p.m.

Miércoles: de 12:30 a 14:30 horas; 30 p.m.

Viernes: Oficina cerrada



Happy Birthday to  
Fr. Donato

May you be blessed  
with a joyful day and a  
wonderful year.



Feliz cumpleaños al P.  
Donato

Que seas bendecido con  
una alegre día y un año  
maravilloso.



## A Parishioner's Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
It will be holy, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will be prayerful, if I pray.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring others into worship, if I invite  
and bring them.  
It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of  
fearlessness and faith, of compassion,  
charity and mercy, if I, who make it what  
it is, am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God, I now  
dedicate myself to the task of being all  
things that I want my parish to be.  
Amen.



## La oración de un feligrés

Mi parroquia está compuesta por personas como yo.  
Ayudo a que sea lo que es. Será amistoso,  
si lo soy.  
Será santo, si lo soy.  
Sus bancos se llenarán, si yo ayudo a llenarlos.  
Hará un gran trabajo, si yo trabajo.  
Será en oración, si rezo.  
Será un regalo generoso para muchas causas,  
si soy un dador generoso.  
Llevará a otros a la adoración, si los invito  
y los traigo.  
Será una parroquia de lealtad y amor, de  
intrepidez y fe, de compasión, caridad y  
misericordia, si yo, que la hago lo que es,  
estoy lleno de estas mismas cosas.  
Por lo tanto, con la ayuda de Dios, ahora  
me dedico a la tarea de ser todo lo que  
quiero que sea mi parroquia. Amén

## Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Everpaul Moreno 09/11

Ellen Daily 09/19

Linda Hallock 09/22

Hunter Buda 09/23

Rick Keenan 09/25

Cyburn Sullivan 09/27

Consider offering or attending Mass, or visiting a church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for yourself or a loved one's birthday, thanking God for the *gift of family and life*. If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please call the parish office at 901-476-8140



**Prayer for the sick and those in need:**

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

**Our Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos**

Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby	Fr. Burke
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello	



Pray for all of our loved ones and for those who are ill



**Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos**

Shirley Arnold	Larry & Jane Isome
William Armstrong	Terry Jergens
James & Robin Barnett	Christie Johnson
William Barrett	Ester Jones
Joe Bergen	Anna & Jerry Kay
Jane Bringle	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Darlene Brooks	Phillis King
Dan Browers	Judy Kovach
Kathy Brown	Cindy Lavelli
Randy Eastwood	Sondra Lewis
Joe Bynum	Dietmar Linden
Christina Cahaly	Louanne Little
Angela Canady	Kelly Mayfield
Alissa Chandler	Nancy McClanahan
Patrick Christy	The McCully Family
Bella Crosby	Linda Medford
Liz Crosslin	Alex Medford
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Danny Miller
Dell Daves	Ronnie Nipp
Enrique Davis	Dr. Mark Olson
Gina Sedinger	Sally Paulus
Danny Duff	Tom Pavletic
Peter DuFau	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	William Perry
Rob Engel	Beverly Pratt
Willie Ferrell	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Diane Robinson
Tammy Freeman	Russom Family
Luke Garza	Mike Sadler
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Jay St. John
Pam Grimsley	Toni Swindell
Guy & Julie Hassan	Jennifer Tidwell
Shannon Heindel	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Bobby Ray Vaught
Diane Hessling	Donna Williams
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Steve Williams
Lisa Hogan	Lee Ward
Betty Hopper	Virginia/Richard Whitehorn
Chris Huffman	Beau Younger

**Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses**

Jerry Bryant	Elaina Prizina
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Lynda Rogers
Gene Cross	Holly Schaefer
Ellen Daily	Joan Smith
Derek Durham	Cyburn Sullivan
Donna Ewer	Annette Tustin
George Hallock	Dottie Wellbrock
Evan & Jen Greuling	Patton Williams
Jim & Lois Hayden	Irma Wilson de Roze
Pat Haynes	Kathy Laxton
Billie Hutchins	Maryana Leon
Beverly Jiminez	Maria Vasquez
Maria & David McConnell	Dixie Duncan
Rebecca Medford	Robert Sorrentino
Jerry & Rose Mills	Charlie Smith
Jackie Hubbard	Kathryn Barnoud

September- The Pope's Intention is: For the Cry of the Earth- We pray that each on of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Septiembre- La intención del Papa es: Por el Grito de la Tierra - Rezamos para que cada uno de nosotros escuche y tome en serio el grito de la Tierra y de las víctimas de los desastres naturales y del cambio climático, y que todos se comprometan a cuidar personalmente del mundo en el que vivimos.

# SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS/ REQUISITOS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

## BAPTISM

Registered 3 months with Parish  
Parents/Godparents attend 1 hour class within the past 2 years;  
Letter or document for attending a class is required from the parish  
Two godparents & One godparent (preferably both) must be Catholic in "good standing"



## BAUTISMO

Registrado 3 meses con Parroquia  
Los padres / padrinos asisten a clase de 1 hora en los últimos 2 años;  
Se requiere una carta o documento para asistir a una clase de la parroquia  
Dos padrinos y un padrino (preferiblemente ambos) deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registered with the Parish  
Letter or document of baptism  
Attend 2 year PRE class  
Attend 1 day Retreat/Reconciliation



## PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia  
Carta o documento de bautismo  
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años  
Asistir a 1 día de Retiro/Reconciliación

## CONFIRMATION

Registered with the Parish  
Letter or document of baptism  
Letter or document of 1st Holy Communion  
Attend 2 year PRE class  
Attend Confirmation Retreat  
Participate in Community Service  
Sponsor(s) must be a Catholic in "good standing"  
Sponsor must provide a letter from their home parish



## CONFIRMACIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia  
Carta o documento de bautismo  
Carta o documento de la 1ª Comunión  
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años  
Asistir al retiro de confirmación  
Participar en el servicio comunitario  
Los patrocinadores deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"  
El patrocinador debe proporcionar una carta de su parroquia de origen

## MATRIMONY

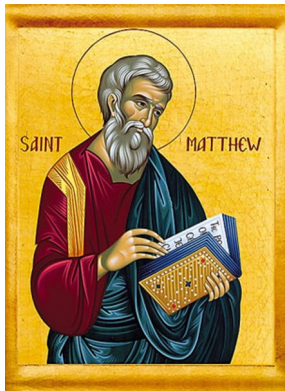
Registered with the Parish and a Catholic "in good standing"  
Letter or document of baptism, first communion and confirmation  
Six months marriage prep classes  
Diocesan marriage prep activities  
Witness(es) must be Catholic in "good standing"



## MATRIMONIO

Registrado en la parroquia y católico "en buen estado"  
Carta o documento de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación  
Seis meses de clases de preparación para el matrimonio  
Actividades diocesanas de preparación matrimonial  
Los testigos deben ser católicos en "buena reputación"

## Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana Sept 16th



**St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Feast Day– September 21**

O Almighty God, who by your blessed Son did call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection  
Capital**

**Sunday/Domingo Sep 22**

**Special Collection for  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**



### Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
<b>Sep 14</b>	<b>K. Brumley</b>	<b>J. Watkins</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	<b>K. Greeson</b>
<b>4:30</b>		<b>J. Schafer</b>		
		<b>E. Greeson</b>		
<b>Sep 15</b>	<b>K. Brumley</b>	<b>Ja. Jasper</b>	<b>J. Wheeler</b>	<b>G. Buda</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>R. Wheeler</b>	<b>Jo. Jasper</b>		<b>J. Buda</b>
		<b>E. Underwood</b>		<b>R. Tankersley</b>
<b>Sep 15</b>	<b>C. Moreno</b>	<b>J. Gobellan</b>	<b>I/S Lugo</b>	<b>I/S Lugo</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>R. Esquivel</b>	<b>E. Montoya</b>		
		<b>A. Ruiz</b>		
<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>S. Stegall</b>	<b>J. Watkins</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>
<b>4:30</b>		<b>J. Schafer</b>		
<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>C. Jones</b>	<b>M. Buda</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>	<b>R. Wheeler</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>J. Terry</b>	<b>C. Buda</b>		<b>J. Wheeler</b>
		<b>N. Gogel</b>		<b>G. Buda</b>
<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>L. DeLaO</b>	<b>Ep. Moreno</b>	<b>N/R Ortiz</b>	<b>N/R Ortiz</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>C. Moreno</b>	<b>D. Gobellan</b>		
		<b>M. Ruiz</b>		

### This Week/Esta Semana

<b>Monday Sep 16</b>
8:00 am Daily Mass
<b>Tuesday, Sep 17</b>
8:00 am Daily Mass
9:15 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
<b>Wednes, Sep 18</b>
8:00 am Daily Mass
9:15 am Legion of Mary
<b>Thursday Sep 19</b>
8:00 am Daily Mass
4:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Saturday Sep 21</b>
8:30 am Daily Mass



### Readings for Sep 16– Sep 22

**Monday-Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
 1 Cor 11:17-33 Ps 40:7-17 Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday-St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**  
 1 Cor 12:12-31 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday**  
 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-22 Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday-St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr**  
 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1-28 Lk 7:36-50

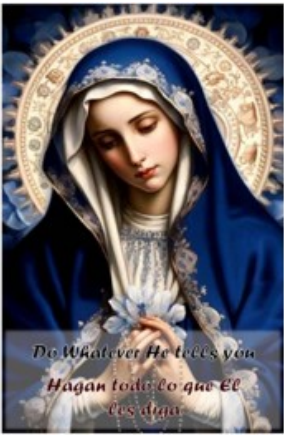
**Friday-Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & companions**  
 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1-15 Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday-St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**  
 Eph 4:1-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

**Sunday-The 25th Sunday in OT**  
 Wis 2:12-20 Ps 54:3-8 Jas 3:16-4:3  
 Mk 9:30-37

### Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Tankersley</b>	<b>Gogel/Smith</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>
<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>Greeson</b>	<b>Ruiz/Montoya</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>



**CALLED BY NAME LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE**

**The Priesthood The Diaconate Religious Life**

- Noah Gogel Abel Gogel Hannah Buda
- Estrella Moreno Emanuel Montoya
- Aron Ruiz Juan Diego Gobellan
- Katherine Brumley Rafael Ortiz
- James Watkins Dave Hessling



**El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa**

**Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas**

Saturday	09/21	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	09/22	8:30 am	St John's- In Memory of Tita Ruiz
Sunday	09/22	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	09/22	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Monday	09/23	8:00 am	+Lenny Lind by Andrea & Dave Hessling
Tuesday	09/24	8:00 am	+Mike Sedinger by Andrea & Dave Hessling
Wednesday	09/25	8:00 am	+Rev H Joseph Lattus
Thursday	09/26	8:00 am	
Saturday	09/28	8:30 am	+Ann Walters



It is respectful to God and to parishioners to be quiet while in the Church before and after Mass

Es respetuoso con Dios y con los feligreses estar en silencio mientras están en la Iglesia antes y después de la Misa



**Attendance/Público**

Sep 07/08	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
4:30 pm	30	4		
10:30 Mass	67	27		
12:15 Mass	28	16		
5:00 Mass			18	0



**HELPING HANDS CLOTHES CLOSET**

**At Ave Maria**

All clothing items for men are very much needed. This includes socks, underwear, and t-shirts. All coats will be accepted.

**“HELPING HANDS” ARMARIO DE ROPA**

**En Ave Maria**

Todas las prendas de vestir para hombres son muy necesarias. Esto incluye calcetines, ropa interior y camisetas.

Se aceptarán todas las capas.

# For Our Little Saints

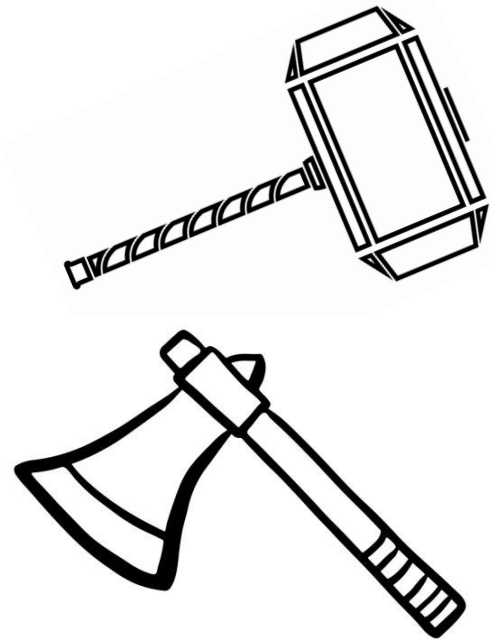
Ordinary

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to believe and to use our lives here on Earth for others. Jesus gave up his life for us and lived his life trying to teach others how to live their lives for God. How do you see others around you living their lives for God?

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Prayer

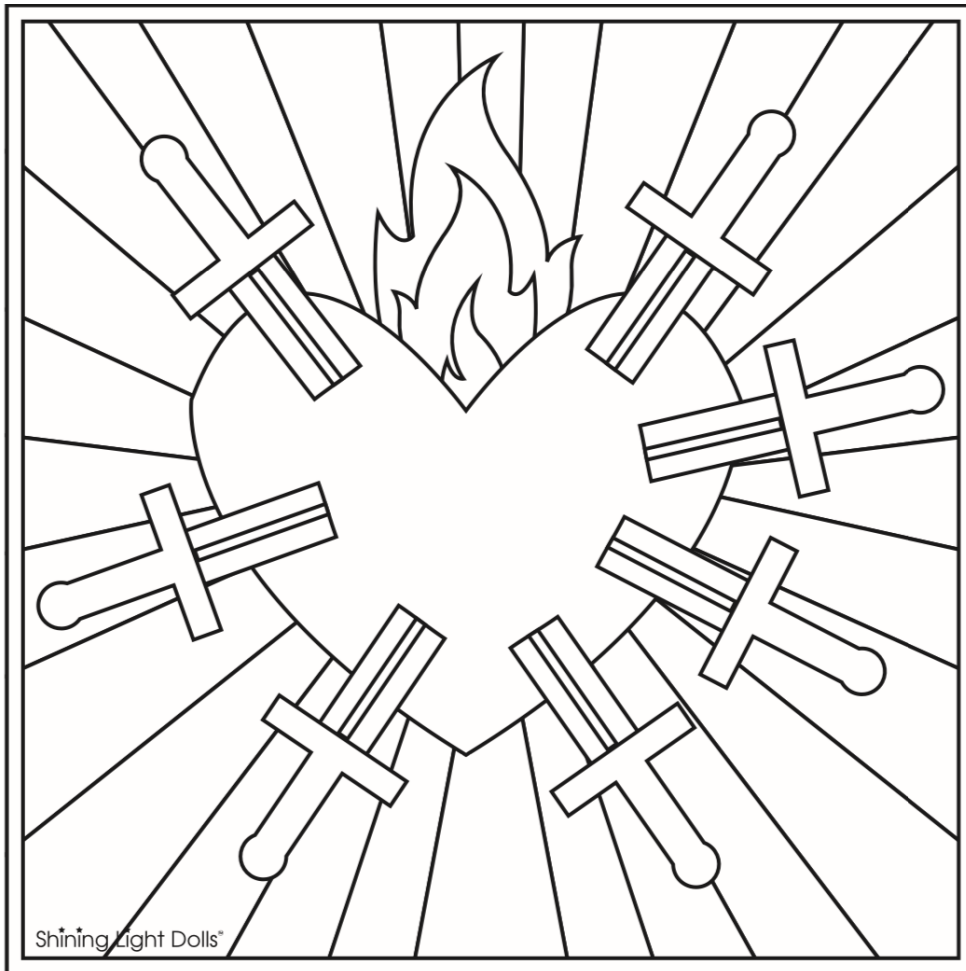
May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Saint Boniface was sent to help teach the Germanic people about God. The people though had their own

sets of beliefs. Near the town Saint Boniface lived in the people worshiped a tree called, Thor's Oak. It was a tree that was much larger and bigger than any of the other trees and the people believed in belonged to the mighty Thor. Saint Boniface grew weary of the people honoring a tree. He marched into the woods and people followed him in a long line. He swung an ax at the tree. One man with one ax did not hurt this large tree. But suddenly, a huge gust of wind came and the tree fell down cracking apart. The people were shocked because no other tree in the woods was damaged. Many people converted that day and a church was built with the wood from the tree.

St. Boniface was martyred. He died for his beliefs. In the Gospel we hear, “ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever losses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” Jesus is saying that we must but his priorities and purpose ahead of our own. Just like St. Boniface we must be willing to spend our lives for others. We must use our time, resources, gifts, and energy to that others can also experience God’s love for us.



September 15th in the Church is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows or the Seven Sorrows of Mary. This depiction is usually a picture of Mary with a heart being pierced with seven swords. The Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows can help us remember Mary’s rolse as a spiritual mother, and her strength and guidance during suffering. The seven sorrows include the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Jesus in the temple, the meeting Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taking down of the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

Saint Boniface was on his way to a confirmation and a group of armed robbers appeared. Saint Boniface was killed and much to the dismay of the robbers his belongings included books and scripture instead of gold, silver, and jewels. Among his possessions found afterwards a was a book. The book shows incisions where St. Boniface held up the Gospel for spiritual protection and the book and he were pierced by the sword of the robbers.